

First elected to Congress in 2000, Darrell Issa currently serves as Ranking Member of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee and also serves on the House Judiciary Committee. He is on a temporary leave of absence from the House Energy & Commerce Committee.

Representative Issa founded Directed Electronics, the Vista, California based industry-leading manufacturer of automobile security and convenience products. Issa has served as Chairman of the Consumer Electronics Association, served as a member of the Board of Governors of the Electronics Industry Association, and as Director of the San Diego Economic Development Association and the Greater San Diego County Chamber of Commerce. In 1994, Issa received the Entrepreneur of the Year Award from Inc. Magazine, Ernst & Young, and The San Diego Union-Tribune.

Darrell Issa is perhaps best known as the leader of the successful effort to recall former California Governor Gray Davis in 2003. In 1996, he also co-chaired the campaign to pass the California Civil Rights Initiative that ended racial and gender preferences and quotas in state contracting and college admissions.

Issa enlisted in the Army during his senior year in high school and attended college on an ROTC scholarship. In the Army, Issa served as a bomb disposal technician, tank platoon commander, computer R&D specialist, and attained the rank of Captain. He is a graduate of Siena Heights University in Adrian, Michigan and serves as a member of the University Board of Trustees. Darrell and Kathy Issa are longtime residents of Vista, California. They have one son, William.

